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London is charting a new course for the future that could change the look of the city skyline over the next two decades. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

A glimpse of London in 2035

Transit focus. ReThink London really does rethink city planning

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When the city said ReThink London, it meant it.

The future was revealed at city hall Thursday in what's been called the London Plan, a document to decide how people will live in the Forest City for the next 25 years.

It's come out of the ReThink London process, which chief city planner John Fleming described as Canada's biggest-ever consultation exercise by planners. He spoke in council chambers, where the public gallery was full.

In presenting the plan, Fleming offered a look into the future. In 2035, there will be 77,000 more Londoners and 43,000 more jobs. A third of people will be 55 or older and a third of workers will be foreign-born, he said.

Want to build a house, store or factory? Expect new rules before you get permission, including those with a high priority for intensive development — "inward and upward" instead of sprawl.

And there are lofty ideals such as giving people the true choice to walk or cycle, regenerating urban main streets and building a city to attract talent and investment.

The city will be planned around transit, too. Bold lines have been applied to the map, from White Oaks to Masonville and from Fanshawe College to Oxford Street and Wonderland Road.

That's where the city will focus its most frequent transit services and, by 2035, 115,000 Londoners will live and 84,000 will work within a 10-minute walk of those "corridors."

But the biggest change is in the overall approach to development. Instead of planning the city by land use — setting sites aside for specific things like factories and houses — the London Plan will encourage a "mosaic" of uses, based on 18 "place types."

So, if you own land in an area labelled "main street," permitted development will be different from in an area called "transit corridor" or "shopping centre" or "open space."

What's permitted will depend on the other uses already in the mosaic.

The London Plan isn't a fixed document. A summer of public participation has been planned, and people can go to thelondonplan.ca to find out more.

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Campaign platform

Horwath pitches 'balanced plan' for business

New Democrat leader Andrea Horwath called her campaign platform "a balanced plan" Thursday after she was questioned about its effect on jobs in London.

The NDP will raise the corporate tax rate and offer financial help to hydro users, family caregivers and students if they win the June 12 Ontario election, Horwath said.

A corporate tax increase is needed to pay for major infrastructure projects like public transit expansion, she explained.

But, during a conference call with reporters from across the province, there was mention of London and Southwestern Ontario's job woes, with the closure of Kellogg's, Electro Motive Diesel and Ford.

Horwath was asked: won't the tax hike make the problems worse?

"The ongoing tax reductions that the Liberals have brought haven't prevented those companies from leaving Ontario," she replied. "That hasn't made a difference in terms of their choices."

Horwath said the NDP is committed to working with companies and convincing them to invest in Ontario. But she said her plan "asks the corporate sector to help us bring Ontario to where it needs to be." Speaking earlier, she said Canadian companies have been sitting on money they've saved from previous tax breaks instead of investing in jobs and the economy.

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Crossing guard Roy Laskey thinks the city's plan to eliminate some crossing guards will put kids at risk. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Guard wants a stop to city's new proposal

Cost savings. London plans to get rid of crossing guards at nine intersections

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Roy Laskey has been ensuring students' safe passage across busy city streets for years, so he knows a thing or three about kids and traffic.

"There's a stop sign or a red light and a lot of them will cross anyway," he said. "It's safer when there's a crossing guard there to make sure cars stop."

A city plan to reduce the number of crossing guards in London would do away with Laskey's spot at Maitland Street and Central Avenue.

The proposal, headed to council's community and public safety committee on Monday, would eliminate crossing guards at nine intersections and add two new locations — Chambers Venue and Hastings Drive and 825 Paletta St.

The savings would come out to $43,400 a year, according to a report prepared for the meeting.

The city took over the crossing-guard program from London police last year. Currently, there are crossing guards at 106 locations across the city.

"You can't put a price on children," Laskey said. "A lot of parents are upset."

The report from city staff says data from the intersections where guards would be eliminated does "not identify any concerns involving pedestrians."

In exchange, "enhanced pavement markings" and "countdown pedestrian signal heads" would be installed at the intersections, the report says.

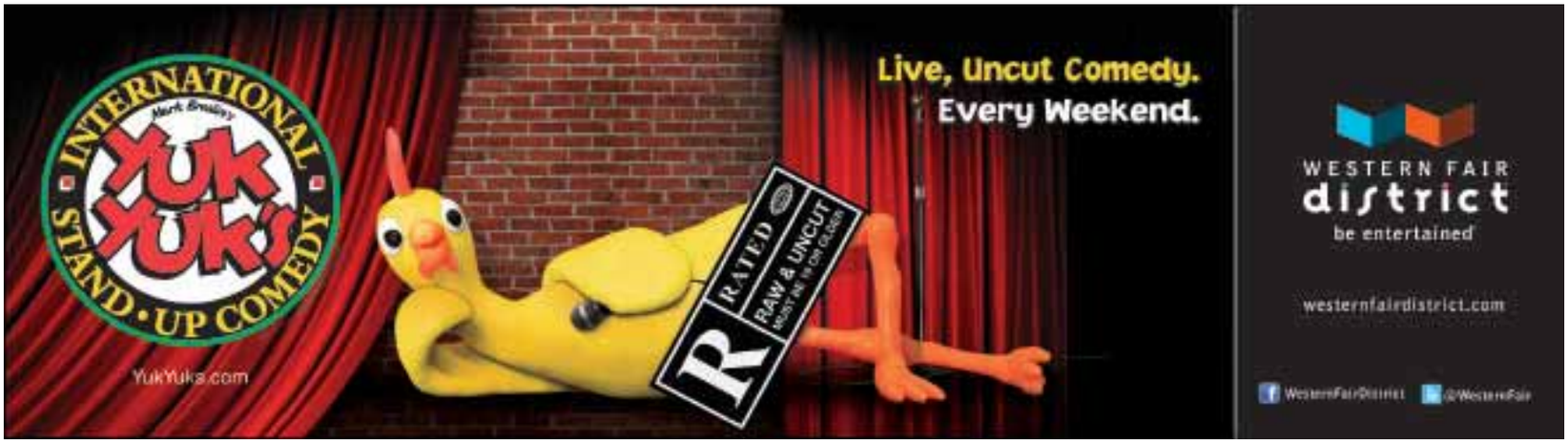
As far as Laskey is concerned, taking those measures just "ain't the same."

"Just keep what you got," he said. "You don't need to change everything."

At a glance

The intersections recommended by city staff to no longer have crossing guards are:

- Byron Base Line Road and Griffith Street
- Central Avenue and Maitland Street
- Cheapside and Maitland streets
- Commissioners Road E. and Frontenac Road
- Commissioners Road W. and Viscount Road
- Emery Street E. and Wellington Road
- Tweedsmuir Avenue and Hale Street
- Wharncliffe Road N. and Blackfriars Street
- York and Lyle streets



Drugs from Mexico. Three drug-trafficking rings busted, 12 arrested

Twelve people have been arrested and another is still on the lam after an undercover operation code-named Project Greymouth infiltrated three drug-trafficking rings in Southwestern Ontario.

In all, $1.2 million worth of cocaine, $280,000 worth of methamphetamine, a Taser, about $130,000 in cash and four vehicles were seized.

Police said two of the rings were importing high-grade cocaine and methamphetamine from the Chihuahua region of Mexico.

Once across border points at Sarnia and Windsor, the drugs were handed over to traffickers in several communities, including Middlesex, Norfolk and Oxford counties, the Waterloo region and the Greater Toronto Area, police said.

Police then linked their investigation to one already being conducted by the Waterloo Regional Police Service, code-named Grimm.

Canadian Border Services Agency was also involved.

"We began Project Greymouth in August of last year," said OPP Det. Insp. Steve Clegg. "This was a lengthy undercover operation that gathered evidence against three distinct cells.

"Two were involved in illegally importing and distributing cocaine directly from Mexico, and the third cell was involved in the distribution of high-grade methamphetamines."

Clegg said 14 search warrants were executed last week in and around Waterloo and the GTA. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

In other news

- Two men have been charged after London police seized 15 pounds of marijuana, $120,000 in cash and two vehicles on Wednesday.
- Hai Tran, 34, of London and Matthew Ruby, 22, of Simcoe face charges including possession and trafficking of drugs.
- As part of the seizure, police raided homes on Huron Street and Garibaldi Avenue.

A map shows how drugs seized as part of an investigation dubbed Project Greymouth were flowing into Canada from Mexico. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Coffee. Fire Roasted to fuel grocer Farm Boy

Farm Boy has flipped for London's Fire Roasted Coffee.

The wholesale and retail java giant has been selected by Ottawa-based Farm Boy grocer to supply the soon-to-be-opened store on Wellington Road with what will amount to thousands of pounds of beans a year.

What's more, they have exclusive rights to supply future London Farm Boy stores.

"I approached them cold about two months ago when I saw the sign that they were opening up here," said Fire Roasted sales manager Mark Beacock. "I got in touch with the buyer, we sent them samples and then we set up a meeting when he was in town (last week)."

Consumers will be able to buy the beans in bulk to take home and, while they're at it, grab a fresh-brewed cup of Fire Roasted joe.

Beacock said Fire Roasted has also been chosen to supply the coffee in Western University residences and several cafés on campus as of fall. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Londoners kick some ice with their blades of glory

There were a few shrieks and plenty of laughs Thursday morning as students from Collège Boréal strapped on skates for the first time. About 70 of the students at the French-language community college in Citi Plaza tried out the artificial ice rink in the downtown mall, which is there to celebrate the Memorial Cup hockey tournament being held in London. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

City considers upping limit on household pets

Proposals published. Focus is on spaying and neutering to reduce populations

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Pet limits

- **Current limit:** Two cats per adult owner, and three dogs per household.
- **Proposed limit:** Three animals, cats or dogs. If spayed or neutered, limit rises to eight, including a maximum of three dogs.
- **Fostering exception:** People registered as providing foster care in their home would be allowed 10 animals, with a maximum of four dogs.

Limits on the number of pets allowed in London households could be about to change as city staff readies a series of recommendations for councillors next week.

Although people will be allowed to have more pets, the idea is to reduce the number of animals out there. That's because the changes are designed to encourage people to have their animals spayed or neutered.

"If we are going to meet council's objective of being a no-kill, open-shelter community then we need to have policies and regulations in place that will encourage spay/neutering and responsible pet ownership," said Orest Katolyk, who heads the bylaw enforcement staff.

So, under Katolyk's plan, people will be able to have more pets if they make sure they can't breed, helping the overall problem of dog and cat numbers in the city.

The proposals still have to be accepted by council, and the first stage of that is discussion at the community and protective services committee on Monday.

They also include a longer period to register newborn pets. Currently, owners must register newborn kittens and puppies within two months of their birth. But the city is noting that the typical age to have pets spayed or neutered is four months, so a longer exemption would give more time to provide the animals' first shots, have them spayed or neutered or seek their adoption.

In a separate agenda item for the same committee meeting, the city is favouring an animal welfare group to run one of its new services — a cat adoption centre.

Staff recommends a two-year contract with Cats R Us Cat Rescue, which has an "adoption shoppe" at Oxbury Mall in east London.

If council accepts the contract, it will cost the city $165,728 annually and lead to the creation of a new adoption centre, with the Oxbury Mall one operating as a satellite centre.

London-area housing forecast shows positive signs

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is predicting a small bump for the London-area housing market this year. New home starts are expected to hit 2,195 units in 2014, a two per cent increase from last year. Single-detached homes and apartment starts will be the main drivers of activity.

But, in 2015, the area can expect housing starts to slow to 2,135 units, primarily as a result of fewer apartments being built.

Home sales in 2014 are expected to total 7,970, slightly less than the 8,113 in 2013. Sales will grow by 2.3 per cent in 2015, the agency says, a prediction based on improvement in the job market.

"Growth in employment, particularly for 45- to 64-year-olds or repeat buyers, and the continuation of the supportive low mortgage rate environment will entice more Londoners to buy new homes in 2014," said Alex Medow, the corporation's senior market analyst.

"Rising inventory levels of expensive new single-detached homes will prompt more developers to offer other less-expensive housing types such as town homes for sale." METRO

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Knights eliminated, but Cup party must go on: Organizer

The Cup Stops Here

Fanfest. Guelph Storm fans may fill the void left by the Knights in championship game

The area outside Budweiser Gardens has been teeming with hockey fans before Memorial Cup games. But, with the tiebreaker cancelled because of London's tournament elimination, Fanfest tents and nearby businesses were quiet on Thursday evening. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

It may no longer have the London Knights, but the Memorial Cup show must go on.

And the chair of the host organizing committee, Trevor Whiffen, sees no reason for anything to change.

"It took us about a half hour for us to catch our breath and say, 'OK, now what?' because you're a little disconsolate once you are beat out," Whiffen said, referring to the Knights 7-2 Wednesday loss and, by it, their elimination from the tournament.

"But we're still hosting the best Memorial Cup celebration ever, the best celebration of junior hockey, and London will continue to embrace it," Whiffen added.

Perhaps, but if London doesn't, Guelph fans may fill the void now that the Storm have been guaranteed a spot in the championship game Sunday. Game time is 4 p.m. at Budweiser Gardens. The semifinal is Friday at 7 p.m.

"We are working the media in Guelph to get busloads of Guelph fans down for what will likely be their coronation as Memorial Cup champions," Whiffen said, not hiding his pick for the top of the podium.

Whiffen said there are "at least 50 tickets" available at Budweiser Gardens for the game Sunday. StubHub and Kijiji are also showing tickets available.

One draw for the game could be the ceremonial puck drop, where the best hockey player of all time and the best London Knight from the 2005 Cup championship team will share the duty. That would be Bobby Orr and Corey Perry.

Whiffen said there are already many "good news" stories from the tournament to date.

A facility-record 50-50 draw occurred Wednesday, with $23,650 divided equally between the winner and Parkwood Hospital.

In all, $70,000 has been raised for the hospital.

Local businesses around the arena have also been happy with the tournament to date.

Jim Davies, owner of J Dee's Market Grill, said the opening game May 16 produced the second-largest revenue for his King Street restaurant since it opened. The busiest day was the 2005 championship game in which London won the Cup.

Davies said he expects to have good crowds for the two remaining games.

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Bombings.

Attackers kill 31 in China

Attackers hurled bombs from two SUVs that plowed through shoppers at a busy street market in China's volatile northwestern region of Xinjiang on Thursday, killing 31 people and wounding more than 90.

The early morning attack in the city of Urumqi was the bloodiest in a series of violent incidents over recent months that Chinese authorities have blamed on radical separatists from the country's Muslim Uighur minority.

Uighur activists contend that restrictive and discriminatory policies favouring the Chinese migrants are fueling the bloodshed.

The two vehicles crashed through barriers at 7:50 a.m. and drove right into the crowds while setting off explosives, according to a statement by the Xinjiang regional government. It was unclear how many assailants were in the cars.

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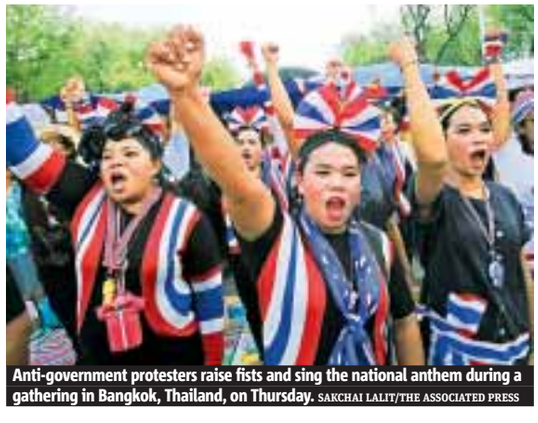
Thai government overthrown as military stages bloodless coup



Anti-government protesters raise fists and sing the national anthem during a gathering in Bangkok, Thailand, on Thursday. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand's military seized power Thursday in a bloodless coup, dissolving the government, scrapping the constitution and dispersing groups of protesters from both sides of the country's political divide who had gathered in Bangkok and raised fears of a violent showdown.

The powerful army chief, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, announced the military takeover in a statement broadcast on national television. It was followed by additional announcements including a nationwide curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and an order for 18 government officials — including the ousted prime minister — to report immediately to the country's new governing military commission.

Soldiers kept a low profile in the centre of the capital. But as the curfew approached, troops diverted traffic at key intersections and used armoured personnel carriers to block some main roads, including the one in front of the U.S. Embassy. Soldiers dispersed most demonstrators from two sites where competing groups were camped out — one backing the now-ousted elected government and another that had struggled for seven months to unseat it.

Although the military insisted it wasn't taking sides, its ousting of the government met the key goal of the anti-government protesters. The pro-government "Red Shirt" supporters had earlier said they would not tolerate a coup, but there were no immediate signs of resistance or reports of violence. The military provided hundreds of buses to take protesters home.

An army spokesman later announced that it had dissolved the caretaker government and cancelled the constitution, but the Senate would remain in place. He said Prayuth would assume the duties of the prime minister until a new one was in place.

On Tuesday, Prayuth had declared martial law in what he called a bid to resolve the country's political crisis and a day later he summoned the country's rival political leaders for face-to-face talks. After two days of talks, the meeting failed to break the impasse.

Shortly before the coup announcement was made, armed soldiers in military vehicles surrounded the army facility where the politicians were meeting, apparently to block those inside from leaving.

The coup was the 12th since Thailand's absolute monarchy ended in 1932.

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Analysis

Army action denounced by Canada

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has condemned the military takeover in Thailand and is urging a rapid return to civilian rule.

"Canada condemns the decision today by the Royal Thai Army to seize control from Thailand's elected government, to suspend the Thai constitution and to restrict civil liberties," he said in a statement.

The Thai ambassador in Ottawa was called in to hear Canada's concerns directly.

Baird says Canada wants action.

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Scan the photo below with your Metro News app to see the video the teens took with polar bear cub Humphrey.

Breaking the rules for little Humphrey

The Toronto Zoo is working with a Greater Toronto Area school to find the appropriate discipline for a couple of teens who hopped a fence at the polar bear maternity exhibit to touch a baby polar bear, named Humphrey, and take selfies with it while on a field trip. Zoo officials are using a video the teens took and posted online in the investigation. CONTRIBUTED

Canada to support seal hunt despite embargo

WTO. Challenging the EU ban on seal products proves unsuccessful

Canada lost its bid to overturn Europe's ban on imported seal products Thursday but seized on World Trade Organization (WTO) findings that aspects of the embargo breach international obligations.

A WTO appeal decision released in Geneva upheld a previous ruling that the European Union ban is "necessary to protect public morals" regarding animal welfare.

It says the embargo "constitutes a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination," particularly because of how exemptions for seal products from Inuit or indigenous communities are handled. It also found "considerable ambiguity" in how terms such as "subsistence" are used for Inuit harvests. Canada appealed a November ruling that said while the EU seal ban undermines fair trade, those restrictions can be justified on "public moral concerns" for animal welfare.

At issue was a challenge by Canada and Norway of the 28-member EU's 2010 ban on the import and sale of seal fur, meat and other products.

Terry Audla, president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami representing about 55,000 Canadian Inuit, said his people were never consulted and never agreed with the embargo or its uneven exceptions, adding that Inuit hunters are trying to feed their families and make a living in the modern economy.

"It is morally reprehensible for anyone to impede those goals, which are the basic rights of any citizen of the world," he said.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said in an interview that federal officials are still assessing the decision. It's the end of the line for appeals at the WTO, but Shae said Ottawa will still support the industry through product research and other measures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U of S. School's president fired amid budget controversy

University of Saskatchewan students who called for the school's president to resign say they're relieved that she has been fired.

Ilene Busch-Vishniac, who sparked controversy with planned budget cuts and with the firing of a tenured professor who spoke out about them, was herself let go Wednesday night.

Nick Marlatte, who organized a rally earlier this week, said it's a good step toward restoring the Saskatoon-based school's reputation.

"I think it indicates that there's some hope that the quality of the university is going to be preserved and that the board of governors actually understands that people are not only upset but actually scared about the future of this institution," Marlatte said in a phone interview Thursday.

Marlatte said students are pleased to see the university's board of governors change direction, but he's still apprehensive about how things will move forward.

"There's been a lot of talk that things are going to change," he said.

"But I can't say that there's much trust ... and I'm not going to really assume any trust until there is very definite sort of proof that that's the case."

Marlatte acknowledges that the school has to tackle its deficit. But he argues that students, staff and faculty haven't been respected in the overhaul.

Prof. Robert Buckingham, who was also executive director of the School of Public Health, was fired last week after writing a letter to the government and Opposition about the cuts.

Busch-Vishniac admitted a few days later that the university "made a blunder" in its handling of Buckingham. He was offered back — and accepted — his tenure position, but Busch-Vishniac said he would not be reinstated as head of the School of Public Health.

The board made a "very difficult decision, but very necessary decision" in firing Busch-Vishniac, Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget cuts

The university released a plan last month that includes cutting jobs, reorganizing the administration and dissolving some programs to try to save about $25 million.

- The cuts are part of a bigger goal to address a projected $44.5-million deficit in the school's operating budget by 2016.

Calgary

Man accused of murder ruled mentally fit for trial

A man accused of killing five young people in Calgary's worst mass murder has been found fit to stand trial.

Matthew de Grood is charged with first-degree murder after four men and a woman were stabbed to death at a house party that was being held last month to mark the end of the university school year.

De Grood, 22, had been ordered to undergo a 30-day assessment to determine whether he was mentally fit to stand trial.

De Grood's lawyer, Allan Fay, said the finding has nothing to do with guilt or innocence. "You can still be very profoundly mentally ill and be fit to stand trial," said Fay.

Police have not said what they think motivated the attack. Jordan Segura, Kaiti Perras, Josh Hunter, Zackariah Rathwell and Lawrence Hong were killed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pamela Anderson

RCMP reaches out to actress regarding allegations of abuse

The Mounties say they're "reaching out" to Pamela Anderson after the British Columbia-born actress gave an emotional speech in France in which she recalled years of sexual abuse as a child.

Anderson, who is from Ladysmith, B.C., spoke last Friday in Cannes at an event launching her charity, going into detail about sexual-assault allegations.

Cpl. Darren Lagan of the RCMP said the force is aware of Anderson's speech but declined to comment further.

Anderson said she was molested by a female babysitter between the ages of six and 10. She also said she was raped by a 25-year-old man when she was 12 and then by a group of boys. THE CANADIAN PRESS

500 Canadians get set to observe Ukraine election

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Olga Radchenko is heading back to her birth country — but not to visit relatives.

"The current situation has become so incredibly polarized," says the 28-year-old, who moved to Toronto with her Ukrainian family at the age of 10. "I want to play a positive role. I hope this can help resolve the crisis."

Radchenko left on Victoria Day as one of 500 Canadians observing Ukraine's election. For a third time in a decade, a large delegation of Canadians are taking weeks off work to head to Ukraine. They'll be attending campaign rallies, inspecting polling stations and watching ballot counts.

"I feel nothing short of honoured," says Radchenko, echoing two other election observers who spoke to Metro. "I think it's a great role for Canada to play."

Governments who struggle with corruption often invite election observers from other countries to deter voter fraud, bolstering an election's credibility. Ukraine's Sunday election is being monitored by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), a group supported by 57 governments including Canada, the U.S. and Russia.

Radchenko has a good understanding of her 10-day duty as a short-term observer.

"The general job description is to be an unbiased observer of the electoral process leading up to the election; and the days of the vote counting, to watch carefully and to record what's happening."

The OSCE gives observers intensive training upon arrival in the country of the vote. Observers normally wear a lanyard, which election officers are trained to recognize. Observers are instructed to watch for anything that leads to an unfair vote.

Some examples given by monitoring groups include: making sure ballot boxes are empty before voting starts, verifying poll booths are secure, watching for intimidation, listening for campaigning from election officers, detailing how many ballots were disqualified and why, and making sure ballot boxes aren't whisked away.

Most monitoring groups require observers stay in groups of two. Generally, observers don't speak or ask questions unless they're senior monitors investigating an incident. Observers take meticulous notes — often a detailed form for short-term observers — and report to their team leader, who supervises groups of five to 20 people. The findings are usually tallied in a brief report shortly after the vote and a more detailed one afterward.

Long-term observers like Michael MacKay of Ottawa are in Ukraine for up to 10 weeks. They're monitoring campaigns and media coverage and tracking the electoral commission's logistics down to individual polling stations. Generally, they issue weekly reports and welcome the short-term observers.

"There's an external pressure that was not present last two terms," says MacKay, who also monitored Ukraine's vote in 2010 and 2004, when Canada first sent a large delegation. "The stakes are higher than they've ever been."

Governments who send delegates usually assign independent organizations to recruit and select observers. OSCE guidelines suggest candidates with prior monitoring experience and language skills. Most observers get their foot in the door by applying for a country they've studied or lived in, according to Canada's main civilian-reserve group, Canadem.

Many of the 1,500 Canadians who applied to observe Ukraine's election are among the 1.2 million Canadians with Ukrainian roots. There's also a contingent of academics who observe multiple elections. MacKay worked with people who had served in Kosovo, Sri Lanka and Haiti.

Transportation, insurance, meals and accommodation are covered by the governments — our government estimates the 500-strong delegation will cost $10 million.

But for the observers it's a big time commitment for a vote with no guaranteed outcome, as Metro's Saskatchewan columnist Christina Cherneskey knows well.

"To call the 2012 election democratic is a sham. I left without even knowing who won," Cherneskey recalls.

While voting went smoothly, she had to stay up all night to make sure nobody tampered with the ballot boxes. When someone finally came in the morning, they drove the ballots to the district office, where things seemed chaotic. Inside, it was an "exhausting, intense fiasco" where every scribble and acronym was used as an excuse to toss out votes.

"I left feeling empty," she said.

Past votes

Canada regularly sends a handful of experienced observers to elections in developing countries. For example, two long-term observers joined an OSCE-led mission tracking Mongolia's presidential elections last June. Others include:

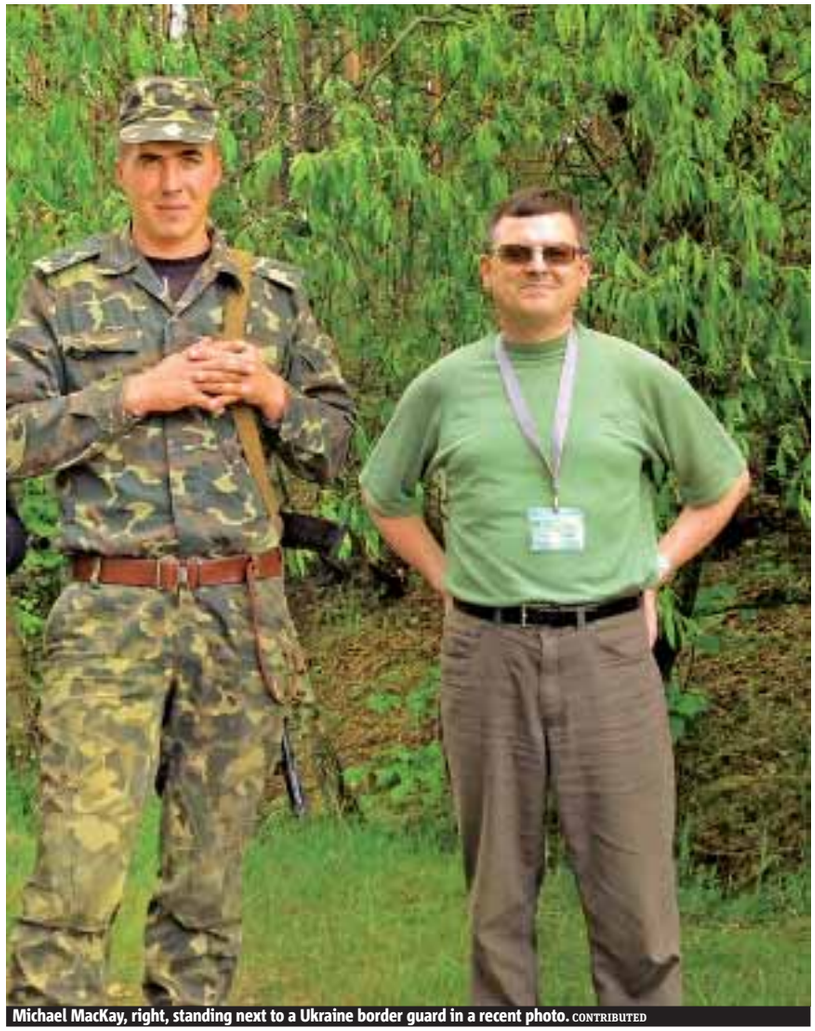
- Ukraine's 2012 parliamentary election — 490 observers
- Haiti's 2011 presidential election — 30 observers
- 2006 Palestinian parliament — 58 observers

SOURCE: CANADEM

History

Modern election monitoring started with an 1857 vote in Romania, but the concept gained popularity after the end of the Cold War, as countries like Ukraine embraced democracy.

- While monitors produce a report, having watchers deters vote rigging.



Michael MacKay, right, standing next to a Ukraine border guard in a recent photo. CONTRIBUTED

Olga Radchenko

"I know that (the OSCE) has done this ... in various countries and in Ukraine specifically, so I'm not concerned."
Communications consultant, Toronto, short-term observer

Michael MacKay

"The mood isn't exhilaration; it's a determination. They're very realistic; they know there could be bad outcomes."
IT consultant and instructor, Ottawa, long-term observer

Christina Cherneskey

"I'd say 95 per cent of people were happy we were there. They would thank us."
Radio producer and Metro columnist, Regina, former long-term observer

'We are worth more!' Protesters not lovin' the low pay at McDonald's

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson sought to address a growing chorus of critics on issues including worker pay and marketing to children at its annual meeting Thursday.

As hundreds of protesters chanted for higher wages outside, Thompson told the audience in the building that the company has a heritage of providing job opportunities that lead to "real careers."

"We believe we pay fair and competitive wages," Thompson said.

A day earlier, McDonald's closed one of its buildings in Oak Brook, Ill., where protesters had planned to demonstrate over the low wages paid to its workers.

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CEO responds

"We believe we pay fair and competitive wages."

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, at its annual meeting Thursday

Protesters rally on Wednesday near the McDonald's Corp. headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., decrying low wages. BEV HORNE/DAILY HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More Facebook users can expect to see a blue cartoon dinosaur popping up in their feeds, reminding them to check their privacy settings.

No stranger to privacy fiascos, Facebook had already made the tool available to users who were posting public updates.

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TSX 14,702.29 (+52.43)

OIL $103.74 US (-$0.33)

GOLD $1,295 US (+$6.90)

Natural gas: $4.37 US (-$0.12)
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World's largest gold producer hit with suit

Barrick Gold Corp. Class-action lawsuit launched after mine project in South America misses construction deadline

Mining machinery and barrels of chemicals at the facilities of Barrick Gold Corp.'s Pascua-Lama project in northern Chile. JORGE SAENZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Several Canadian law firms are pursuing a class action against Barrick Gold Corp. and some of its current and former senior officers, alleging they misrepresented how much risk the company faced when it undertook construction of the multibillion-dollar Pascua-Lama mine project in South America.

The project involves one of the world's largest deposits of gold, estimated at nearly 18 million ounces, but the company missed its original target of starting production in early 2013 due to opposition from local groups and Chilean authorities.

The suit, filed Wednesday with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleges Barrick described Pascua-Lama as a feasible and highly economic project due to the low cost to construct the mine and to produce gold and silver from it, adding that the company knew or should have known that it would have to overcome significant obstacles.

"The mine is located underneath glaciers in the Andes mountains, and the environment is subject to extreme temperature and weather changes. Barrick is a sophisticated mining company that has constructed and operated mines all over the world. The challenges in developing Pascua-Lama were or should have been readily apparent to Barrick," the claim alleges.

"There was also considerable opposition to the Pascua-Lama project from local communities that depended on the water supply the glaciers provided. These communities, along with various environmental groups, were concerned about adverse impacts of mining on the glaciers and contamination of the water supply."

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Norway buys island for the 'common good'

Norway says it will buy a vast tranche of private land on its Arctic island of Svalbard a week after a Chinese property tycoon said he wanted the land to build a resort for wealthy travellers.

Trade Minister Monica Maeland said Thursday the "common good" on the island is best served if the 216 square kilometres were in public hands.

Last week, developer Huang Nubo had talked up the possibility of persuading hardy Chinese and Russian tourists to visit the icy island famous for its snow-covered mountains, fjords and glaciers.

Huang's purchase would have given him a foothold along a potential Arctic shipping route that could cut weeks off the current trade route from the Far East to European and North American markets.

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The view from a dogsled going through the mountains overlooking Longyearbyen, Svalbard, in Norway. NICK JESDANUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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1 **Happy birthday, Mr. Rubik('s Cube)**: The addictive Candy Crush is all the rage nowadays, but back in the day it was the offline game Rubik's Cube. The Cube turned 40 this week and its birthday trended on Twitter. Google even honoured it with a supercool 3D interactive doodle. I never could solve the darn thing, but man it was a badge of honour to carry it around at school — almost completed.

2 **#Dictionary.** Further proof (like we needed it) that social media is where it's at: among the new words added to Merriam-Webster's 2014 collegiate dictionary are "hashtag," "selfie," "tweep" and "crowdfunding." Yep, it's cool to read the dictionary again, kids. Just make sure to live-tweet it as you study it — and watch your auto-correct.

3 **Corey Hart about to hang up the sunglasses (at night).** The '80s teen icon behind the hit singles Sunglasses at Night and Never Surrender has announced his May 31 concert at the Bell Centre in Montreal will be his last performance. Also, he's releasing a self-published memoir, Corey Hart: Chasing the Sun. Here's hoping it includes a chapter on how we all chased his spiky hair look.

4 **Cine-please, the movies are expensive enough.** The movie chain is doing a pilot program at the Varsity location in Toronto's Manulife Centre where patrons can pay extra to get prime seats in the middle rows of the theatre. This idea will either be a box-office smash or bust. Either way, it better come with extra-comfy chairs and buttered popcorn delivered to my seat.

5 **See Doogie Howser, M.D. in celebrity rehab?** Neil Patrick Harris's website teased out a unique upcoming autobiography that lets you choose the narrative — and the path of his life. Choose the right path on this adventure biography and get a tryout for Doogie Howser, M.D. Choose the wrong one and you could land yourself, er, him on a stint of Celebrity Rehab.

6 **Enduring imagination.** Brayden Denton, a five-year-old from Newton County, Ind., who died of brain cancer earlier this month, was a huge fan of superheroes — his favourite being Spider-Man. So when he passed away, his pallbearers dressed as Spidey, Batman, Superman, Thor, The Hulk and Iron Man. Brayden is in superhero heaven, now. R.I.P., little guy.

7 **May the Force (for Change) be with you.** Donate $10 and you could have the chance to appear in J.J. Abrams' Star Wars: Episode VII sci-fi sequel. This is part of a new charity campaign run by Disney called Star Wars: Force for Change, and the proceeds go to UNICEF's Innovation Labs. Great idea that more movies and TV shows should embrace and offer fans.

8 **Polar bear, Pooh-Bear and the prince.** It didn't have the hoopla of Will and Kate's rock star-esque tour of 2011, but Prince Charles and Camilla's four-day visit to Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Manitoba did draw buzz in a country that loves its royals. It was capped off in Winnipeg with a bear theme as Charles fed a polar bear at Assiniboine Park Zoo and then they visited the Winnie the Pooh Gallery museum.

ZOOM

This is too close to bear!

German photographer Ingo Arndt got close to this brown bear using a robo-camera vehicle. COURTESY INGO ARNDT

Wildlife photography

Photog uses robo-car to snap bear

Grizzly bears may look cute and cuddly but they can also pull off a wicked death scare. The many personalities of the brown bear (Ursus arctos) have been captured by award-winning wildlife photographer Ingo Arndt, who travelled to the remote Lake Clark National Park in Alaska to document the majestic beast. MWN

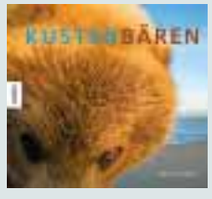
Up close and personal

"This female coastal brown bear still had her very woolly winter coat. The weather was just perfect for the photo: warm light on the bear's head, nice clouds and a blue sky. She really looks both fearsome and affectionate."

Ingo Arndt, wildlife photographer based in Langen, Germany

Book cover

Arndt's photos of grizzlies feature in new book "Coastal Bears" (Küstenbären), published by Knesebeck.



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"Meanwhile in ..."

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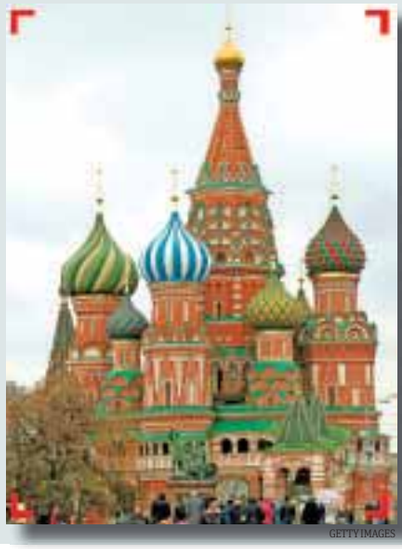
Look, we get it. The "Meanwhile in Russia" thing is getting old and likely looking forward to retirement in Played Out country.

But sometimes one comes across a video — with zero context, mind you — that appears to be evidence of behaviour that sits so comfortably at the point where bizarre and reckless meet that, well, the only way to introduce it is "Meanwhile in Russia." (VideoCompilationTV/YouTube)



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Mutant time travel a real trip

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Hugh Jackman stars in X-Men: Days of Future Past. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Based on a 1981 two-issue special of the X-Men comic series, the new film begins in a post-apocalyptic future. Menacing robot warriors called Sentinels have created chaos for the mutant race, bringing them to the edge of extinction. To combat the threat, long-time enemies Professor X (Patrick Stewart) and Magneto (Ian McKellen) team up with Storm (Halle Berry), Blink (Fan Bingbing), Bishop (Omar Sy) and use Kitty Pryde's (Ellen Page) teleportation ability to send Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) back in time to change history and prevent the creation of the murderous automations.

- **Richard:** ●●●●○
- **Mark:** ●●●●○

X-Men. The latest instalment lives up to the franchise's reputation for smart, fun summer fare

Richard: Mark, Days of Future Past offers up two for the price of one. Merging the young versions of Magneto and Professor X with their older counterparts is a cool idea, and certainly gives the movie a boost in the marquee department, but I felt the old timers were left with their own heightened sense of drama and not much else. It seems a shame to have McKellen and Stewart, the Martin and Lewis of mutants, on screen together and not give them much to do. What did you think?

Mark: This instalment really belongs to McAvoy, Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender. I didn't care for the "future" plot with the fogey mutants, but I thought the movie snapped to attention when it flashed back to 1973. The sense of time and place seemed very authentic; in one scene Lawrence is dressed exactly like Carly Simon on the cover of her third album. I half expected her to launch into a rendition of You're So Vain at Fassbender. There's some interesting historical revisionism revolving around JFK and Nixon that even conspiracy theorists would find preposterous — more X-Files than X-Men — but I appreciated the creative effort.

RC: It's a movie about time travel, mutants and serious actors like Michael Fassbender saying lines like, "We received a message from the future," so, of course, it's a little preposterous, but wrapped up in the time-bending plot are some interesting ideas about racism, tolerance, war and rebellion. Not usually the stuff of summer blockbusters, but the X-Men franchise has always been a bit brainier than most. At times it's a bit too ponderous, but I'll take that over the flash-and-trash of most CGI epics.

MB: Me too. I like the franchise for its superior acting, plotting, and its whiff of Ayn Rand objectivism. But it's got a sense of humour, too, which is rarely found in these epics. There's a fantastic scene in this movie where Evan Peters as the young Quicksilver, who can move faster than human time, rearranges an entire tableau of bad guys so they wind up hurting themselves instead of our heroes. But he does it with such juvenile glee that it captures the joy of being a powerful mutant and an adolescent prankster. And casting height-challenged Peter Dinklage to play a scientist out to destroy the "outsiders" is brilliantly ironic.

RC: The actors are all good, but I would argue that the real stars of the film are the ideas. Magneto, Professor and Wolverine are all complex, cool characters that bring the film's themes to life; all the rest is set dressing, except for the Quicksilver scene you mentioned. That was like The Matrix without Keanu's hang-dog expression.

MB: Oh, and just a warning, Richard. When I googled the film there was a link to a movie called XXX Men. Do NOT click on this link!

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Sci-Fi

Under the Skin

Director. Jonathan Glazer

Stars. Scarlett Johansson, Paul Brannigan

Scarlett Johansson plays an alien in human form who is on a journey through Scotland.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** 63%

Comedy

Blended

Director. Frank Coraci

Stars. Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren and Jim agree on only one thing: They never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week in Blended, the third comedy collaboration between stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 11% **Audience:** 87%

Filmmaker shows Night Moves

Behind the greens. Kelly Reichardt peeks into the psyches of environmental terrorists

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Night Moves stars Dakota Fanning, Jesse Eisenberg and Peter Sarsgaard.
CONTRIBUTED

Filmmaker Kelly Reichardt's Night Moves offers an intimate look into the lives of three radical environmentalists (played by Jesse Eisenberg, Dakota Fanning and Peter Sarsgaard) looking to blow up a hydroelectric dam as a form of protest. And it's quite a detailed look — though she stops short of actually explaining how to build a bomb.

Environmental issues seem to be popping up in films more and more, as the issue is clearly not going away.
But it's been part of the conversation for a really long time. I can't remember when Earth First started, but people have been trying to lay their bodies down in front of bulldozers that are going to knock down trees for quite a while now, you know? But nevertheless, we were just really trying to make something that was today and just create a world.

Where did this idea come from?
I don't know, it's been in the air with us for a while. My producer, Neil Kopp, was born and raised in Oregon, and Neil had grown up with a kid who had done something pretty radical that put him in jail for a while. If you're in the Northwest, it's around you. It's easy to wonder where the waterways came from, it's easy to look at the clear-cuts. People talk about the salmon a lot, so it's all sort of in the air. But then also I had just re-read Crime and Punishment and we were drawn to this type of process film, like Rififi, where you take time out in the middle of a film to really show how something's done. That was really attractive to me, the small steps to get to something as opposed to the big moment at the end of it. Basically how to take this little world that we hadn't seen represented in film so much and put it into the framework of a more traditional genre, and what would that look like?

Of course, when you're showing how people construct a bomb, you don't want to be too detailed.
Oh, you can go on the Internet and figure out how to build a bomb really quickly if you want, you know? For better or worse. I don't think ours acts as a real how-to guide in any way.

Right, you aren't naming types of charges or fuses, at least.
No, but you can Google Timothy McVeigh and find out everything you ever wanted to know, sadly, about building a bomb. You might not even want to put that in your article. My father was on the bomb squad for 20 years in Miami when I grew up, and I can remember being a teenager and some of my sister's friends stealing some of my dad's bomb-building books. The information's out there.

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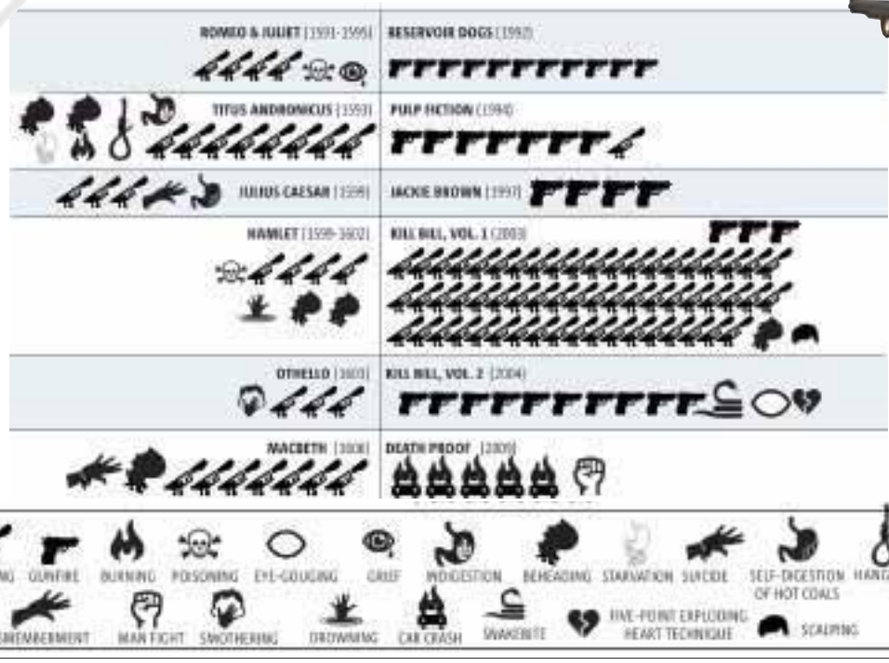
Murder most foul: A Shakey-Quentin smackdown

This year, lovers of literature are celebrating the 450th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. The Bard of Avon is known in part for his dramatic, and at times disturbing, portrayals of death, but how does the violence of his oeuvre stack up against that of the master of big-screen mayhem, Quentin Tarantino?



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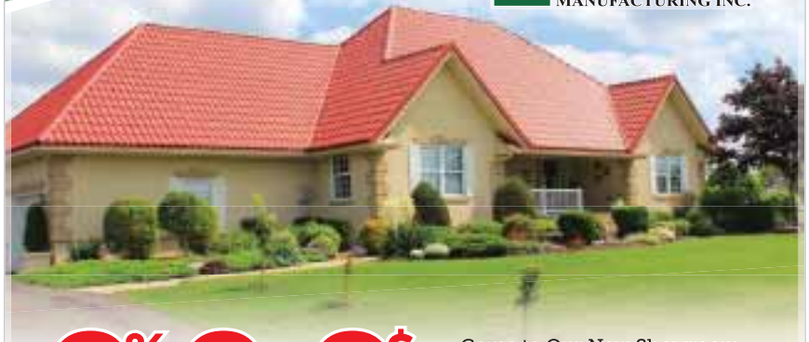

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Mike Myers ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kanye 'spoke a truth' after Katrina: Myers

It only took nine years, but Mike Myers is finally chiming in on his infamous befuddlement standing next to Kanye West after the rapper let loose with, "George Bush doesn't care about black people," during a televised Hurricane Katrina relief benefit. "For me it isn't about the look of embarrassment on my face, it is truly about the injustice that was happening in New Orleans," Myers tells GQ magazine. "I'm the guy next to the guy who spoke a truth. I assume that George Bush does care about black people — I mean, I don't know him, I'm going to make that assumption — but I can definitively say that it appeared to me watching television that had that been white people, the government would have been there faster."

The Word

Miley thinks JLaw needs to get it together

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA
Metro World News

Jennifer Lawrence stopped by Late Night with Seth Myers to promote her new film X-Men: Days of Future Past, and told Myers and the audience an embarrassing story. Not our JLaw! In the past, Lawrence says, she hasn't gone to any awards show after-parties, but this year, she brought her best friend to the Oscars and the duo partied down. In fact, JLaw partied so hard that she threw up all over the front porch at Madonna's party post-Oscars.

"I've never gone out after Golden Globes or Oscars or anything. I'm just so sick of people by that point. I'm like, 'Ugh, God!' But this time I was like, 'I'm going out.' And I puked all over," she reveals. "I was in such bad condition, and I look behind me while I'm puking and Miley Cyrus is there like, 'Get it together.'"

When Miley Cyrus (she of tongue-wagging fame) looks at you like that, that's when you know you've got a problem.

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Prude or prejudice? Barbra turned off by art book of 'beautiful' gay sex pictures

According to The Normal Heart playwright Larry Kramer, longtime gay icon Barbra Streisand isn't actually so down with the gays.

Kramer worked closely with Streisand after she bought the rights to the play, about the early days of the AIDS crisis.

"I bought her a book of very beautiful art pictures of two men making love, and she found it very distasteful," Kramer tells the New York Times.

He also took a dig at Streisand by praising director Ryan Murphy, who eventually adapted the play into a film after funding it with his own money, which Kramer says "shows how much he wanted to do this, and how tacky it sort of is that Barbra never would think of something like that."

Streisand, for her part, insists her reaction to the photos was a "matter of taste, not gender."

Barbra Streisand

Axl Rose

Guns N' Roses set to split

It looks like it's the end of the road for Guns N' Roses, as the rock band is set to split following its current Las Vegas residency so that Axl Rose — the only remaining original member of the band — can retire. "Axl has made enough money and wants to stop touring. He is considering retiring," a source tells Radar Online. "Band members have been told their calendars are free following Vegas. Axl is considering retiring and it's done. Band members and support staff were surprised when told the news and are actively looking for work." One of the best-selling bands of all time, Guns N' Roses formed in Los Angeles in 1985 and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012.

LIFE 3

Liquid Assets

Where are you, spring?

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I've given up waiting for spring, not to mention summer. I keep looking at the calendar and then out the window, and nothing seems to be jiving.

Though it may be rainy and cold in most parts of our "wonderful" country, I'm determined to embrace reality and sit out on my deck even if it is with an umbrella in hand.

The liquid philosophy that certain wines are tied to a specific season has always rubbed me the wrong way. While a big-boned red may not be the ideal tipple after mowing the lawn in early August; that doesn't mean you couldn't enjoy a glass with a barbecued steak come dinnertime.

Of course, some wineries target the seasons. E & J Gallo's Barefoot Refresh Summer Red ($11.95 - $15.99) has one in its name. A blend of pinot noir rosé and moscato, it's a glass full of lightly sweet, freshly crushed red berries that go as well with warmer weather as it would with Christmas dinner.

Serving tip: Try over ice.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Want a delightful contrast of juicy, crunchy and creamy textures? Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a salad that meets those expectations from her cookbook, The Free Range Cook.

Pear, Walnut and Haloumi Salad: A plate of contrasts

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
gustotv.com

This recipe serves six as a starter. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp neutral oil (e.g. grapeseed)
- 1 cup fresh walnut pieces
- 2 just ripe pears
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 250 g haloumi, thinly sliced
- 6 handfuls (150 g) fresh watercress sprigs or baby spinach leaves
- 2 avocados, cut into chunks (optional)
- salt and ground black pepper

1. Heat 3 tbsp of the neutral oil in a fry pan and fry the walnuts over a medium heat until lightly browned — about 2-3 minutes. Lift out of the oil with a slotted spoon and drain on a paper towel. Reserve the oil to dress the salad. Alternatively, roast them dry on an oven tray at 180 C for 12-15 minutes.

2. Halve and core the pears and slice each half into 6-8 wedges. Place in a mixing bowl and toss gently with the lemon juice.

3. Heat the remaining 1 tbsp oil in a fry pan over a high heat. Fry the haloumi slices until they are golden on both sides.

4. Place watercress or spinach in a large mixing bowl. Add the pears and their juices, the walnuts and their oil (if the walnuts have been baked, add 2 tablespoons olive oil), the fried haloumi and the avocado, if using. Season to taste with salt and pepper then toss gently. Transfer to a serving bowl.

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Hockey

Ill-timed turnover costs Team Canada

When Team Canada pushed, Pekka Rinne shoved back. The result was Finland moving on and Canada going home.

Rinne made 36 saves as Canada dropped a 3-2 decision Thursday at the world hockey championship in Minsk, Belarus. It was the fifth straight year that Canada has been eliminated in the quarter-finals.

"We had a couple breakdowns," said Canadian captain Kevin Bieksa. "We knew going into this game that the Finns were a team that would sit back and capitalize on our mistakes, and they made us pay tonight."

Finland's Iiro Pakarinen scored the game-winner with 3:08 left in regulation after a Team Canada turnover.

"You always want to play better when you lose," Scrivens said. "They got better goaltending than us tonight, and that was the difference."

Kyle Turris and Mark Scheifele scored Canada's goals, with each one coming in the second period. Goaltender Ben Scrivens finished with 23 saves.

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Canada goalie Ben Scrivens reacts after letting in Finland's third goal on Thursday in Minsk, Belarus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good-Knight: The kids were all right

The Cup Stops Here

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The London Knights' on-ice season ended about 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Knights head coach Dale Hunter said there would be player meetings Thursday.

And then, the 2013-14 London Knights will officially disband, free to come and go as they want.

Some will likely play in the Memorial Cup golf tournament. Others will watch some of the semifinal and championship games.

But then it's over.

The Knights from this season will be known as the team that did not win a Memorial Cup game on home ice, only the second major junior team in the current format to go three and out.

Many on the team will also have to carry the added burden of being a group that went to three consecutive Memorial Cups with not one national title to show for it.

Horvat, Domi, the Ruperts, Tierney, Anderson and Welychka were part of all three tournaments.

That's the situation, all truisms in the tougher-than-you-think world of Canadian major junior hockey.

But enough already. Let's put some perspective into all this doom and gloom, starting with the fact that these are essentially all youngsters.

Defenceman Zach Bell is the oldest, turning 21 in February. Future superstar Mitchell Marner was just 16 until earlier this month. Everyone else is somewhere in between.

And yet every player on that team shared the pressure to win equally. Every player on that team had to face the prying media day in and day out and responded well. Every player on that team knew they let the London fans down.

Some of them — fewer than you think — will end up in the National Hockey League and will be paid handsomely. The majority will have just finished playing in their personal "Stanley Cup" playoffs Wednesday.

Their take-home pay? Peanuts. The friendships they will have realized? Priceless.

As a reporter who had not covered junior hockey for a mere 30-plus years, I was impressed. From the first day of training camp to the final media feeding frenzy Wednesday night, these kids were a treat.

Bright, articulate, thoughtful, energetic, personable and talented.

As their coach Dale Hunter said Wednesday night: "There is a lot of character there and (they're) great kids to be around."

So please remember that when the media writes words such as: "In the end, the London Knights were just not good enough." (Langford, Metro front page, Thursday)

Or when you attack Horvat, Domi and the rest for being held off the Memorial Cup scoresheet.

These are just kids.

Brett Welychka and Jake Patterson of the London Knights leave the ice following a 7-2 season-ending loss to the Guelph Storm on Wednesday night at Budweiser Gardens. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

'Crazy Eights' matchup the focus of semi

Val-d'Or's Anthony Mantha and Edmonton's Griffin Reinhart will see a lot of each other in Friday's semifinal. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Among the subplots of the Memorial Cup semifinal between Val-d'Or and Edmonton is No. 8 versus No. 8.

The Edmonton Oil Kings want defenceman Griffin Reinhart on the ice whenever Anthony Mantha is Friday.

With last line change as home team, the Foreurs will attempt to spring their 82-goal man for a shift or two without the shadow of Reinhart.

"It's Crazy Eights, right?" Oil Kings head coach Derek Laxdal said. "It's going to be a challenge for Griff and it's going to be a challenge for Mantha."

The semifinal is a rematch between the Quebec and Western league champions who went to double-overtime Tuesday.

After 81 minutes 15 seconds it ended 4-3 for Val-d'Or on Anthony Richard's breakaway goal.

The semifinal victor faces the Guelph Storm in Sunday's final.

Reinhart and Mantha were teammates on Canada's junior hockey team this year and are both first-round NHL draft picks.

Mantha was the 20th overall pick by the Detroit Red Wings last year. The New York Islanders selected the six-foot-four, 215-pound Reinhart fourth overall in 2012.

"They've got last change so we'll see how much I end up playing against him," the Oil Kings captain said.

"I like the challenge. I know him a little bit from world juniors, and it will be fun for both of us I think."

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4 SPORTS

Scan the image with your Metro News app for more from Fenway Park and Thursday's other MLB day games.

Blackhawks pick up their pieces for L.A.

Game 3. Superior to the Kings in most of their recent games, Chicago still figuring out what went wrong back home

Although Chicago and Los Angeles have won the last two Stanley Cup titles, Matt Greene and his fellow Kings realize the Blackhawks have been superior whenever the two championship teams were on the ice together recently.

Chicago's recent mastery of the Kings completely came apart in one crazy period, and the Blackhawks are headed to the West Coast to figure out how to get it back.

When the teams return Saturday night for Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, the Kings hope to build on their five-goal third period in a 6-2 victory on Wednesday night, evening the series in dramatic fashion.

L.A. Kings' Matt Greene
GETTY IMAGES

Until Game 2, Chicago had beaten the Kings six straight times and in nine of the clubs' last 10 meetings dating back to last season's conference finals. The Blackhawks had been faster and more offensively creative than the Kings, but it all went away in a barrage of goals that set a distinctly different tone for Game 3.

"It's been a series that's gone in their favour for the last couple of years now," Greene said Thursday at the Kings' training complex.

Both teams essentially took Thursday off, gathering only for travel or a team meeting. While the Kings downplayed the importance of momentum from their win, the Blackhawks had an extra day to absorb the shock of their second four-goal defeat in the last six playoff games.

"I woke up this morning way more angry than I exited the game," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said Thursday before the team flew to the West Coast.

Quenneville felt the loss was a significant setback for the Blackhawks only because of how it occurred. The two-time champion coach couldn't recall such an abrupt reversal of momentum against Chicago in any game this season.

"I think it was probably a little bit of a shock to us all," Chicago defenceman Nick Leddy said. "But that's how playoffs are." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buehrle's eighth win is Boston's sixth loss

Mark Buehrle won his major league-leading eighth game, Melky Cabrera and Jose Bautista homered on consecutive pitches, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 7-2 on Thursday for a three-game sweep. Toronto improved to 8-2 in its last 10 games, while Boston lost its seventh straight. The Red Sox went 0-6 on their home stand, the first time since June 1994, when they also lost six in a row at Fenway Park. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Money issues have taken centre stage for some time but now the Sun has changed signs you should be a bit more relaxed about what you own and what you earn. If your social life has suffered make up for it today.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to come down to earth and deal with matters of a practical nature. Above all, you must be sensible with money, especially if you are the kind of Taurus who takes an "easy come, easy go" attitude to cash.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your head and heart are working in harmony now, so anything you begin over the next few days will be successful. Don't let the doubters talk you into changing your plans.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
To make sense of what occurred in recent weeks you need to stand back and see life from a wider perspective. What is it all for? Where is it all taking you? These are the sort of questions you need to ask.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
It may seem as if you have reached your limits. There are people who will happily help you out but what you need to realize is they can't read your mind. If you need help — ask!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Over the next few days you will get the chance to put some of your big ideas to the test. One of those ideas could turn your life around and send you off in a direction you never imagined.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One of the best times of the year for you is now under way, so get rid of any negative attitudes and start looking forward to all the good things that will be coming your way.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The more you try to give up things you know aren't good for you, the more you end up indulging. Maybe you need to wallow in what you desire until you desire it no more.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Now that the Sun has moved into the partnership area of your chart, you will have to take what others think and see and need into account more than you usually do.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the next few days you will have to decide what is worth carrying on with and what needs to be junked. Don't let sentiment play a part in your decision: put your needs first.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Dark days are behind you and everything light. Well, maybe it's not that good — yet. But it's now within your power to change your life in major ways. Forget about yesterday, today is the only day that matters.

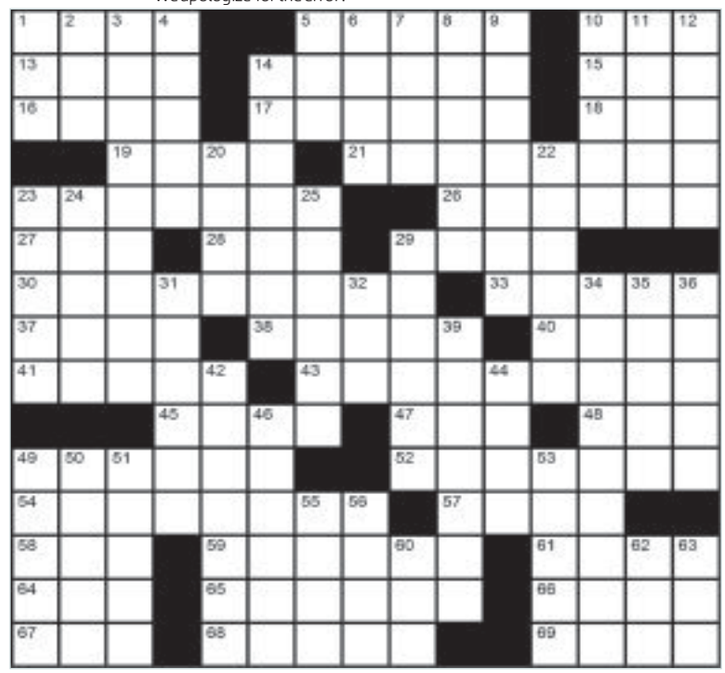
♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Social activities are important, of course, but your home life is what you should be focusing on now. If there are problems in the domestic sphere it's unlikely you will be happy in other areas, so look for solutions – you'll find them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Gremlins got into our system and swapped in the wrong crossword in yesterday's paper. We apologize for the error!

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



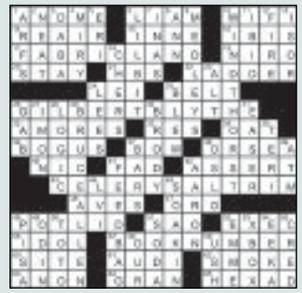
Across

1. Mag. readership
5. Plank
10. Alsatian artist Jean
13. Crosswords creature
14. Follow
15. Chemin de __ ('Railroad' in French)
16. Agyness __ (English model)
17. Canadian channel, Travel + __
18. "Eww! Don't tell me!"
19. Sunup
21. Stir-fry veggies: 2 wds.
23. City Opera Vancouver's new show making its world premiere tonight (See #54-Across for more!)
26. Seizes control
27. Handheld add-on
28. __-pack (Sit-up doer's goal)
29. Non-nobleman
30. "Don't Walk Past": New Wave hit for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
33. __ male
37. Honolulu gifts
38. TV show: French
40. Persian Gulf land
41. Kiln kinds
43. Southwestern Ontario: Lake Erie community with an Imperial Oil refinery
45. Tilled
47. Active ingred. in marijuana
48. "Alice" boss
49. Literary introductions
52. __ Cat
54. For the opera about the Mohawk/Quaker poet and performer at #23-Across... Music: Tobin Stokes - __: Margaret Atwood
57. Tartan-wearing bunch
58. Noun's li'l modifier
59. Beauty treatments site: 2 wds.
61. Palomino's pace
64. Bee's follower
65. On _ __ basis
66. Stagnate
67. Ouest's opposite
68. Brewer's __
69. Convict's unit

Down

1. Scoundrel
2. Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 __ _ Minor"
3. Canadian actor whose roles include Michael on "La Femme Nikita" and Maurice Richard in "The Rocket" (2005): 2 wds.
4. Ship's 'locked' route
5. Greyhound vehicle
6. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
7. "__ __ example..."
8. "Supermodel (You Better Work)" singer
9. __-__ diving
10. Blue Rodeo's "__ the Rain"
11. Update a route
12. Fuddy-duddy
14. Phased-out Canadian coins
20. Will-o'-the-__
22. __ Works and Government Services Canada
23. Mr. Picasso
24. Cop _ __ (Bargain in court)
25. Stretch
29. Some fabrics
31. Biblical heroine
32. Canadian rapper, JD __
34. k.d. lang's "Friday Dance __"
35. Cod-like fishies
36. Anoint, archaically
39. 'E' in PETA
42. Glass Tiger hit
44. 'Alphabet' suffix
46. Mansion's setting
49. Canada __ (Pink-hued government building in Edmonton)
50. Fairground features
51. __ d'art
53. Coldplay's recent song
55. Ms. Banks
56. 'Psych' suffix
60. Toronto-born actor Mr. Mastroianni
62. Chicago's state [abbr.]
63. __. number

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3		9		7	1			8
	4		6					5
	2		3				9	
2							5	
		4	1		3	7		
	6							1
	3				5		7	
4					9		2	
9			7	2		4		

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	1	2	8	5	7	9	4
2	5	7	9	4	1	3	6	8
4	9	8	7	6	3	1	2	5
5	8	9	6	1	7	4	3	2
1	2	3	4	5	8	9	7	6
6	7	4	3	2	9	8	5	1
7	1	6	5	3	4	2	8	9
8	4	2	8	7	6	5	1	3
8	3	5	1	9	2	6	4	7

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